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Kremer Opens Democratic Convention at San Francisco

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 22.—Opening session of the Democratic national convention this morning featured a brief session while they assembled in opening session to perfect preliminaries for the week's work.

The big fight will be waged over prohibition plank and lower tariff over the issue of cotton.

The fresh question was held aside but understood while the party officials and delegates met in the Civic Auditorium to hear National Chairman Cummings read the keynote to which they hope to hear the country respond.

Over a thousand delegates and thirteen thousand spectators were this morning jammed into the big convention hall to witness the spectacle of a great political convention getting underway.

Nothing but set events were on the program for today's session.

Reported McAdoo Will Accept

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 22.—Both convention delegates and leaders were prepared for a fight over both platform and candidates today at the Democratic national convention assembled for its opening session.

The keynote speech of the convention featured the day's session. It was delivered by Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee and temporary chairman of the convention.

Later, the newly selected convention committee was expected to furnish the first real developments as they began the task of writing a platform and hearing appeals in the various contests over delegates, seats, and formulating convention rules.

The latest subject at present impending in the prohibition plank fight, but the talk of candidates guiding support increased attention as the rival managers got busy.

The latest item of the hour for the nomination of William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, furnished a remarkable in the preliminaries. The announcement that McAdoo, despite his declaration that he did not want the nomination, would be willing to accept it, was variously reported. Some of the leaders declared the latest development meant that the President's son-in-law, whose supporters planned to keep him in the background until several ballots had been taken, would be an active contender from the start.

Consequently, it became apparent the Democrats, like the Republicans, would have a "big three" field running close together—McAdoo, Cox and Palmer.

Glass for Resolutions' Com.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 22.—Senator Charles Glass' managers to

day announced they were confident they had more than enough votes to elect him chairman of the resolutions committee. Friends of Senator Glass would not concede the Virginia's lead.

Ignore Cox's Divorce

The attitude of Governor Cox's campaign managers toward the publication of the details of the governor's divorce last year was to be entirely ignored. They said not only they would ignore it, but they would also ignore it.

Vice-Chairman Kremer of the Democratic national committee, just before 12:30 o'clock, took his position upon the platform and attempted to call the convention to order. Marine bands played forth and then the band and giant auditorium organs swung into strains of "The Star Spangled Banner." A tremendous American flag was unfurled. The flag was revealed, displaying a portrait of President Woodrow Wilson, and signalled an outburst of cheering and continued applause, the delegates standing on chairs, waving their hands, shouting applause and hurrahs.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 22.—State commissions similar to the Federal Trade Commission was a feature of a plank proposed to be incorporated in the Democratic platform today at San Francisco by William Jennings Bryan, delegate from Nebraska. His proposed plank reads as follows:

"The Democratic party pledges the nation to rid itself of profiteers and to close the door against their

the encouragement of monopolies among producers that will bring those who sell and the consumers move together. It will mean and enforce laws that will effectively prevent excessive charge by such monopolies as necessary, and will demand immediate action to prevent the creation of new monopolies.

It will endeavor to create in several states trade commissions with powers as ample as those of the Federal Trade Commission."

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Democracy Never Evades

Our party is almost as old as the nation itself. It was created when the forces of popular government assumed for the first time in the world's history the direct conduct of a nation.

It has progressed in thought as this nation progressed in growth and attainment. It has kept pace with the time and has measured the trend of the advancing tide of liberal government.

Our party has never been an evasive party. It was not evasion that made Thomas Jefferson the patron saint of democratic government; it was not evasion that made Andrew Jackson the personification of honesty and fearlessness; it was not evasion that made the Democratic party of today the champion of the people's hopes, and neither will it be evasion that will make the triumph of this convention the president of the United States.

Our party will present policies in a direct and constructive way; the Republican platform is but an ingenious device meant to conceal irreconcilable differences.

Will Perpetuate Peace

In delivery our message to the American people our party will raise its anchor upon the shores of honesty and steer unflinchingly through the straits of courage.

With civilization's existence jeopardized in the recent internecine world wars, America reached out its hand to stay destructive forces. We placed her once more in her exalted position and raised again the light that tempers brutish hearts and softens human souls. The world is waiting to hear the decision of the American electorate upon the covenant of the League of Nations; a war worn world implores America to take the lead in this great movement, and humanity's voice cries out imperiously to our great nation.

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Spanish American War

"Let no one misunderstand us. These great efforts were carried forward under the stimulus of American patriotism, supported by the courage and spirit of our people. All this is freely and gladly acknowledged, but surely the time has come when, because of the calculated criticism and premeditated calumnies of the opposition we are entitled to call attention to the fact that all of these things were accomplished under the leadership of a great Democrat and a great Democratic administration."

If the Republican leaders are not able to repair with us in this American triumph, they should have the grace to remain silent, for it does not lie in the mouths of those who conducted the Spanish-American War to indulge in the luxury of criticism."

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Not a Convention; an Auction

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Peace achievements of the Democratic party, he asserted, "freed the farmer from the devastating effects of insidious financial control. Labor was given its own charters of liberty. Business and finance were released from the

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